



## **Notice of Proposed Changes in The Regulations of the Alaska Board of Pharmacy**

### **Proposed Regulations - FAQ**

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#### **1. What is the purpose of the proposed regulations? What will this regulation do?**

##### **12 AAC 52.105. Temporary military courtesy licenses**

- To implement statutory changes made under Sections 1 and 2, Chapter 29, SLA 2021 (SB 21).
- Establish temporary courtesy licenses for an active duty military member or spouse of an active duty military member of the armed forces of the United States to practice as a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or pharmacy technician who meets the requirements.
- Allow for an expedited temporary licensing pathway for those in the military and their spouses, and will allow military members and their spouses the ability to quickly practice in Alaska.
- Military members and spouses will still need to complete the full application and review process for permanent licensure, however this will allow them an option to begin working while they complete the permanent licensure process.

##### **12 AAC 52.110. Emergency permit to practice as a pharmacist, pharmacy intern, or pharmacy technician**

- Removes the emergency permit language as the intent was duplicative to the emergency courtesy license option. As currently written, it creates confusion around the need for pharmacist interns and technicians to apply for an emergency permit when a pharmacy is without the services of a pharmacist; pharmacies cannot operate without a pharmacist on staff.
- Eliminate the ability for pharmacist interns and technicians to apply for and receive an emergency permit if there is no pharmacist on staff. This ensures pharmacy personnel are present in the pharmacy only when there is a pharmacist on staff.

##### **12 AAC 52.300. License renewal**

- Updates language to be all-inclusive of pharmacy license/registration types.
- Clarifies renewal must be on department form.
- Replaces copy of inspection report for pharmacies/facilities with an attestation.
- Clarifies eligibility for renewal; new application required if there is a change.
- Adds administrative/executive administrator processing language.
- Standardizes language, removes onerous paperwork requirements, improves administrative efficiencies.

**12 AAC 52.993. Executive administrator**

- Adds ability to review/approve licenses and registrations as long as the applicant meets requirements of the established checklist as codified in regulation.
- Affirmative responses to profession fitness questions may still require board review.
- Clarifies role of executive administrator, creates efficiencies by allowing task delegation of board to staff.

**2. What are the costs to comply with the proposed regulations?**

\$100 application fee and \$100 temporary military courtesy license fee.

**3. When will the regulations be effective?**

After the public comment deadline, comments received are compiled and given to the Board for consideration. The Board may adopt the regulation as written/publicly noticed, may amend and adopt them, choose to take no action, or may withdraw the proposed regulations in part or in its whole. After Board action, the adopted regulations goes to Department of Law (DOL) for final review/approval. DOL either approves or disapproves regulations. Once approved by DOL, it goes to the Lt. Governor for filing. Regulation takes effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the Lt. Governor.

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